

## Amendment Transmittal

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In re application of: Eric Kawashima et al.

Application No.: 09/402,260

Filed: September 30, 1999

Group Art Unit: 1655

For: Method of Nucleic Acid Sequencing

**THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**  
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Date: September 15, 2000

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☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in triplicate); PTO-1449, References AA-AB;  
☒ Return postcard.

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SEQUENCING

Examiner: C. Wilder

Art Unit: 1655

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A petition for extension of time is also being submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3 and 18, and amend claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9, 15, 17, and 21 as follows. All pending claims not amended herewith have been reproduced in small font for ease of reference.

1. (Amended) A method for sequencing nucleic acid molecules, comprising the steps of:
- a) providing at a first location a plurality of single stranded nucleic acid molecules that have the same sequence[s] as one another and that are [hybridised]

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